

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 936  
INFO USLO PEKING

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E.O.11652: NA  
TAGS: PGOV TS CH  
SUBJ: TUNISIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE FARHAT VISITS PEKING

1. TUNISIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE FARHAT LEFT TUNIS  
APRIL 29, ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF STAFF ECH-CHEIKH AND NUMBER  
OF OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS AND PARTY OFFICIALS, FOR VISIT  
OF UNSPECIFIED DURATION IN PRC. PURPOSE OF VISIT, WHICH  
HAS BEEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, IS DESCRIBED  
AS "STRENGTHENING TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION  
BETWEEN TWO AND TWO ARMIES."

2. MEDIA HAS NOTED FARHAT'S ARRIVAL IN PEKING APRIL 30,  
WHERE HE WAS MET BY VICE DEFENSE MINISTER AND PRC CHIEF  
OF STAFF. PAPERS OF MAY 2 STATE THAT FARHAT HAS ALREADY MET WITH  
PRC DEFENSE MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS. HE IS QUOTED  
AS HAVING EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRC POLICIES ON ARAB,  
AFRICAN, AND MEDITERRANEAN QUESTIONS, NOTING THAT TWO  
COUNTRIES SHARE COMMON VIEW ON CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF  
CURRENT WORLD PROBLEMS. CHINESE REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO  
COMMON EXPERIENCES OF FIGHTING AGAINST AGGRESSION AND  
OPPRESSION, AND TO PRC SUPPORT FOR JUST STRUGGLES OF  
PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ARABS TO RECOVER THEIR LOST  
TERRITORIES AND OTHER NATIONAL RIGHTS. MULCAHY  
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